



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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CLOSURE ORDER WITH DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, the **WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD** (hereinafter referred as the Board) received a public complaint alleging that the following three electroplating industries are operating illegally and causing serious environmental pollution in the area of Purulia Sadar, Dist. – Purulia.

SL.NO.	NAME OF THE INDUSTRY
01.	M/S. CHINKU ELECROPLATING, Rathtalamore, Namopara, P. O. – Purulia, P. S. – Purulia Sadar, Dist. – Purulia
02.	M/S. PIONEER TOOLS ENTERPRISE Rathtalamore, Namopara, P. O. – Purulia, P. S. – Purulia Sadar, Dist. – Purulia
03.	M/S. CHANDRA BRIGHT NICKEL CENTRE, Sarbagan, Namopara, P. O. – Purulia, P. S. – Purulia Sadar, Dist. – Purulia

WHEREAS, responding to the public complaint the above three electroplating industries (hereinafter referred as the industries) were inspected by the Officials of the Board on 14-05-2008. During inspection the following observations were made:

1. The units were operating without arrangement for treating toxic metal containing liquid effluent
2. The units have no arrangement for arresting acid fumes from the plating bath.
3. The units are disposing off the hazardous solid wastes along with generated effluent in a totally unlawful manner violating all environmental norms
4. All the units are operating without obtaining “Consent-to-Establish” and “Consent-to-Operate” from the Board.
5. All the units are operating without obtaining “Authorization” under the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Amendment Rules, 2003 thus attracting the order of the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India passed in connection W. P. (C) No.657 of 1995.

A technical hearing was conducted at the Head Office of the Board on 03-07-2008 involving all the industries and the complainants. No body on behalf of M/s. Chandra Bright Nickel Centre appeared in the hearing

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the seriousness of the public complaint and the observation made during the inspection all the above above-mentioned units are closed by the Board as they violated the provision of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. This order is also issued in

compliance with the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India passed in W. P. (C) No.657 of 1995. The electricity connection of the units is also ordered to be disconnected immediately.

Suspension of closure will be considered only after compliance of the following conditions by the industries:

1. That, the units will have to install Effluent Treatment Plant for treating the liquid effluent containing toxic metal to meet with the liquid discharge standard.
2. That, the units will have to make arrangement for arresting acid fumes from the plating baths.
3. That, the units will have to make on-storage facility (preferably HDPE lined storage pit) for storing the hazardous waste generated during the process for final disposal to the Common Storage, Transport and Disposal Facility at Haldia.
4. That, the units will have to take immediately "Consent-to-Operate" from the Board after fulfillment of the above conditions.
5. That, the units become member of the Common Hazardous Waste Facility at Haldia being operated by M/s. West Bengal Waste Management Limited.
6. That, the units will have to take "Authorization" under the Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Amendment Rules, 2003 from the Waste Management Cell of the Board.

This closure order is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Amendment Rules, 2003 especially notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 after being approved by the Competent Authority.

The Secretary, WBSEB is requested to take action to disconnect the electricity connection of the above-mentioned industries immediately.

The closure order will take immediate effect and Officer-In-Charge, Purulia Sadar Police Station under W.B. Police, is directed to execute the Closure Order against the aforementioned unit and submit the compliance report to the State Board within seven days from the receipt of this Memo.

This direction has been issued to the Officer-In-Charge, Purulia Sadar Police Station and the Secretary, WBSEB, in conformity with the order of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta dated 21-08-1998 and 28-04-1999 respectively.

Assistant Environmental Engineer & In-Charge, Asansol Sub-Regional Office of the State Board is requested to take necessary steps for proper execution of the closure order and also visit the unit involving the local police station and Nodal Police Officer of the concerned district to oversee the proper execution of the closure order and also ensure the disconnection of electricity of the unit.

By Order

Sd/-

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